Murphysboro City Council Meeting August 9, 2011

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 9th day of August, 2011. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Reverend Phil Nordstrom led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Williams lead the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Williams then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Dan Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Mike Bastien

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Brown Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #410 and #411 through August 4, 2011, accounts receivable through August 4, 2011, and payroll through August 4, 2011. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Hughes Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Martin Schaldemose inquired about the trees in front of his building and Mayor Williams informed him we were trimming the trees. Mr. Schadlemose informed the council that he was on the board for the Murphysboro Soccer League and that 250 kids had signed up and the school district was allowing the league to use their property.

Mayor Williams stated that Oeuida Kelly had organized the city wide yard sale and they cleared \$106 to use as seed money next year. Additionally, Oeuida would like to update the sign on Route 13 & 149 showing tourism brighten up with additional information. She will call IDOT and se what regulations are for the signage.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of July 25, 2011.

Motion: To approve paying account payable register #412 & #413 through 7/25/11.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Ardrey Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mayor Williams stated that it is a submersible pump but the question we face is do we replace the existing pump and panel with what we had or do we upgrade.

Motion: To approve hiring Vandevanter Engineering to replace the Flygt NP 3102 pump for the Jackson Square L.S. for a cost of \$4,765.00.

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of July 25, 2011.

Alderman Bratton informed the council that he had looked at the doors to public works and that a commercial duty lock would work on the front door; the door going down to the lower level should be replaced without the panic hardware and that we should try to fix in house the door where the vactor sets.

Alderman McComb informed the council that Pat Burke had received the chips and would do the work this week on the street running in front of his building.

Mayor Williams informed the council that Smysor Trust will pay for the repairs to the fountain at Smysor Plaza but we have to get pricing for fixing it.

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No action taken.

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the Public Improvement Committee meeting of July 25, 2011.

Mayor Williams indicated that city attorney Heller has a letter drafted and Sandra would get it out to collect input from area haulers for a bid prospectus on city wide trash collection.

Attorneys Heller and Blake talked to Mike Kasky and Chris Grither and this is in a business zoned area which makes certain allowances for business operations; however, we could require fencing, etc. One thing we should consider is looking at the frequency of trucks and their weight and impact on the road. We probably should consider load limits.

Motion: To approve Apple Festival Street closures as discussed.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bullar Mayor Williams called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Alderman Bratton read the minutes of the Building and Grounds Committee meeting of July 25, 2011.

No action taken.

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of July 25, 2011.

Motion: To give Lot 15 in Meadows of Murphysboro to Plumbers and Pipefitters.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote.

Ayes: Gary McComb, Vicki Ardrey, Mike Bastien, Russell Brown, Sandi

Bullar, Bill Pierson

Navs: None

Abstaining: Barb Hughes

Motion Carried

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor stated the following:

- 1. Discussion of awnings downtown. Cajun Cowboy would like to take down his awning.
- 2. Discussion of the possibility of donating city owned property at 2035 Hortense Street to the Habitat for Humanity for the construction of a 4-bedroom home in the spring of 2012. Would ask Dwayne Burke & Kevin Wheetley if they would consider taking down the structure there as a donation.

Motion: To approve donating the city owned property at 2035 Hortense Street to the Habitat for Humanity for the construction of a 4-bedroom home in the spring of 2012.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb Mayor Williams called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

- 3. Reminder the September City Council Meeting will be held on the normal date, Tuesday, September 13, 2011. There should not be any conflicts with Apple Festival.
- 4. Apple Festival clean-up downtown will be on Sunday, September 11th beginning at noon. Meet at the Daum Administration Building.
- 5. Mayor stated that council should be aware that we must start looking for a new tractor. We now have an 83 John Deere 1250 40 HP tractor and we use it to pull the bush hog for mowing right of ways and sewer plant. We need to look around and see what is available as it is all we have and it is necessary. David Canning has a consignment auction in September and they have good items there; we should check it out.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes On South 15th there are two basketball hoops on street.

Thanks to Oeuida for organizing city wide yard sale.

Vicki Ardrey 21st & Dewey there are weeds out in the street. The limbs

on 23rd Street had been picked up.

Bill Pierson Nothing

Dan Bratton He appreciates budget and see what we've spend, but

members need to review and we need to readjust budget

at next meeting.

Mark Costa Nothing

Sandi Bullar Basketball hoop on Chestnut

Brown, Russell Nothing

McComb, Gary Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Bock, Jeff: Code enforcement issue. Soon we will have or be up

against wall on dilapidated, abandoned houses. He has discussed with Peggy the 14th & Manning street property.

Discussion followed.

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Heller, Ed: Nothing

Manwaring, Brian Nothing

Manwaring, Ron 1958 tornado sires is now working.

Otey, Verdonna Inquired where Alderman Ardrey wanted barricades and she

indicated in on Logan between 15th and 16th and on the

parking lot.

Ripley, Sandra She has a list of delinquent accounts over 10 yeas of age

which she wants presented at the budget meeting. Richard Blake has indicated we can't do anything after 10 years and the auditors recommend writing off. Total of \$82,000 in water bills. Council members should come in and review the

list prior to the budget meeting so we can take action.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.